"SET A WATCH-LEST THE OLD TRADITIONS FAIL"

THE SOCIETY
of
PAST COMMANDERS

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY COMPANY

Sixty-Third Anniversary

1953

PARKER HOUSE

19 SEPTEMBER, 1953

Members of
The Society of Past Commanders

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210	Captain Clarence J. McKenzie	1920
216	Lieut. Colonel Charles A. Malley	1926
222	Lieut. Commander Walter K. Queen	1932
226	Captain Justin A. Duncan, *Treasurer*	1935
229	Captain James J. Curry	1938
231	Lieut. Colonel Albert E. Roberts	1940
232	Colonel Louis C. Adams	1941
233	Lieut. Colonel Fred K. Rogers, *Asst. Sec.*	1942
234	Captain Frank G. Volpe	1943
235	Captain Ichabod Bunker	1944
236	Lieut. Colonel Andrew S. Seiler	1945
237	Colonel Raymond F. Rauscher	1946
238	Lieut. Colonel John C. Brink	1947
239	Colonel Eugene A. Hudson	1948
240	Brig. Gen. Edward J. Kane	1949
241	Lieut. Colonel E. Douglas MacPherson	1950
242	Captain Enoch D. Fuller	1951
243	Colonel George A. Turain, *Presiding*	1952

MAJOR LIONEL G. H. PALMER
Enrolled, 7 September 1920 — Died, 31 March, 1953
Captain 1927-1928 — 217th Captain, A. & H. A. Co.

MAJOR FRANCIS S. CUMMINGS
Enrolled, 29 May, 1916 — Died, 29 April, 1953
Captain 1930-1931 — 220th Captain, A. & H. A. Co.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY D. CORMERAIS
Enrolled, 22 March 1920 — Died, September 10, 1953
Captain 1924-1925 — 214th Captain, A. & H. A. Co.

Guests of the Society

His Excellency Christian A. Herter
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

Captain Philip C. Wilson
Captain Commanding Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company

Lieutenant General Alfred F. Foote
Massachusetts National Guard, Retired

Major General William H. Harrison, Jr.
The Adjutant General Massachusetts National Guard

Brigadier General Frederic E. Pereira
Lieutenant William E. Crosby

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Guests of Members

Willard P. Lombard
Major Walter W. Austin
Lieutenant Thomas F. McGinnis
Arthur G. MacKenzie
Captain Edward P. Brock
Honorable George W. Arbuckle
Colonel Louis C. Adams, Jr., USAF
Lieutenant Joseph A. Marshall
Franklin D. Volpe
Sergeant George W. Frongillo
Arthur A. Sondheim
Colonel Charles W. Mitchell
Joseph F. Conlan
Lieutenant Colonel Edward A. Spry
Brigadier General Reginald A. Maurer
Brigadier General Otis M. Whitney
Honorable Charles M. Dale
Lieutenant Thomas J. Carty
Lieutenant Augustus J. Migell
Major Walter T. Anzoni
Lieutenant Anthony F. Viola
Lieutenant Girard N. Jones

Menu

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Assorted Seafood Cocktail - Nelson

Onion Soup au Gratin

Pailettes Parmesan

Hearts of Celery Queen Olives Rose Radishes

Filet of Sole — Poche

Barsac
A De Luze

Rarebit Sauce

Chilled Cucumbers

Broiled Club Sirloin Steak

Chauvener
Red Cap

Bearnaise Sauce

Potatoes Anna

Broccoli Milanaise

Broiled Parker House Tripe

Mustard Sauce
(small piece each guest)

Bisque Dubouche

Lemon Sherbet

Petit Fours Demi Tasse

THE SOCIETY OF PAST COMMANDERS
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

ALLEN, *Chairman*

(Compiled by Brigadier General Henry D. Cormerais)

Boston, May 8th, 1890

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At a Meeting and Banquet of the two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary Committee of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company the following motion was proposed by Mr. A. Shuman, and after some discussion was unanimously adopted:

> "The Committee on the two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts for the purpose of continuing their pleasant and friendly associations as members of that Committee, to cherish and keep alive whatever is, and has been of interest in that memorable Celebration, and to give their influence and assistance to any good work for the welfare and advancement of the Company, agree to form themselves into a Club to be known as the—15 Club".

"The Club shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

"The Government of the Club shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee, who shall be elected at each annual meeting. (This has since been discarded.)

"The Executive Committee shall consist of three (3) members They shall appoint one of their members, Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting and banquet of the Club, also one as Secretary, who shall be the Secretary of the Club, and one as Treasurer, who shall be Treasurer of the Club. (The Secretary and Treasurer are now elected by the membership.)

"At the death of any member, a Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, shall be elected by the Club, to fill the vacancy."

The following gentlemen were the original members of the Club. All except five served as captains of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company:

Capt. Edward E. Allen	1889	Capt. Jacob Fottler	1893
Col. Henry Walker	1887 & 1896	Col. Sidney M. Hedges	1894 & 1903
Maj. George S. Merrill	1883	Maj. James P. Frost	
Maj. Charles W. Stevens	1880	Col. Horace T. Rockwell	
Capt. William H. Cundy	1881	Col. George A. Keeler	
Capt. Albert A. Folsom	1876	Mr. A. Shuman	
Col. Henry E. Smith	1888	Lieut. Thomas Savage	
Capt. Samuel Hichborn	1892		

The last five never served as Captains of the Company.

The 21 Club of London, made up of members who came to Boston in 1888, had the following names on its roll: Major Durrant, Captain Woolmer Williams, Major W. N. Boker, Captain R. N. Nunn, Lieutenant Birkett, Lieutenant J. M. McKenzie, Lieutenant William Evans, Lieutenant Ferrier, Sergeant F. G. Painter, Sergeant Thomas Perkins, Sergeant William R. Clarke, Corporal Hawlyn, Sergeant Bradshaw, Trooper Nicholson, Trooper Woodman, Private S. Moore, Private Perilow, Private Kirkpatrick, Private Docking, Trooper Phillips, Private J. Reed. Lieutenant (afterwards Colonel) Evans was the last surviving member of the 21 Club at the time of his death. Captain Allen was the first Chairman of the Club. He declined re-election, stating that "he thought it was for the best interest of the Club to pass the honor around each year." This was followed out and each member took turns at being the Chairman until 1911 when the list was exhausted and brought up to date and Captain Allen was again elected Chairman but owing to vacancies caused by death, the new member, Captain Damrell, was elected Chairman.

At the annual meeting, February 11, 1916, it was voted to change the name of the Club from the "15 Club" to the "Past Commanders Association of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company," and at the meeting held March 12, 1932, the name was again changed to "The Society of Past Commanders, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company." Captain Bolton was the last member to join the "15 Club" and was the last surviving member at the time of his death.

There are no By-Laws of the Club beyond a few simple rules, but from time to time motions regulating the Organization have been made at the meetings.

Since the organization of the "15 Club", May 8th, 1890, down to the present day the Society has had but three Secretaries, Colonel Hedges, Captain Ratigan and Brigadier General Cormerais. Colonel Hedges served from 1890 until his death in 1924, Captain Ratigan from 1925 until his death, March 4, 1933. Brigadier General Cormerais from March 13, 1933, to September 10, 1953. The Treasurers were Mr. A. Shuman who served from 1890 to 1894, Captain Fottler who served from 1894 to 1933, Major Palmer who served from 1933 to 1938 and Captain Justin A. Duncan who has served from 1938 to date.

Each year the Junior Past Commander is the Chairman of the Society and at the annual banquet receives from the Senior Past Commander present the Gold Gorget of his rank.

The silver reproduction of the Gorget worn by the Captain of the Company was added to the seal on the menus in 1934.